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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Gresham, Goujon & GOUJON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILDE, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 152, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDERSON PRINCE, 35, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HARRIS, THE CHINESE EXAMINER OFFICE, 62, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,400 a day.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest on the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which may be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong, January 1, 1891.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$9,296,677.07
RESERVE FUND.....\$6,806,593.31
RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$9,296,677.07
PROPRIETORS.....

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—J. S. MOORE, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—C. M. MACKENZIE, Esq.
H. L. DALMATION, Esq. J. J. KESWICK,
Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.
C. J. HOLLAND, Esq.
H. HOPFERS, Esq.

A. O. GOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 8, 1891.

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Intimations.

THE FUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, That an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1891, at 4 p.m., when the submitted resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held this Day the 8th April, 1891, will be voted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

"To Cancel and eliminate from the Articles of Association paragraph No. 2 of Article VI, and substitute the following in its stead:

2.—"The Directors in Meeting may increase the Capital of the Company by the issue of Sixty Thousand Shares of One Dollar each, and the Company in General Meeting may from time to time increase the Capital by the issue of shares to such denominations as the Meeting may determine."

"To Cancel and eliminate from the Articles of Association paragraph No. 5 of Article XIII.

"That the Articles of Association be amended by the addition of the following clause after paragraph 12 of sec. 10, viz.—

12.—"That the Directors may at their discretion abandon and discontinue

"whole or any portion of the Company's property, Sunghee Dua Samantan, situated in the Malay State of Pahang, on such terms and conditions as they may deem fit."

"That it be an instruction to the Directors to issue the New Shares as Preference Shares, and that the holders thereof be entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum."

"That in the event of the Company being wound up the holders of the said preference Shares shall be entitled to have the surplus assets of the Company applied in the first place to repaying to them of the amount paid up on such preference Shares."

"The residue of such surplus assets shall belong to and be divided among the ordinary shareholders of the Company."

By Order of the Board,

A. O. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 8, 1891.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG,
No. 165.

A. N. EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Firemen's Hall, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY NEXT, the 10th Instant, at 8.30 p.m. PREVIOUSLY, VINTAGE BEEHIVEHIVE are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, April 4, 1891.

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THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourteenth Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, SHANGHAI, on MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1890, the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The Transfer Office of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th to 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

ALEX. ROSS,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 1st April, 1891.

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THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at its Registration Office, 34 and 40, Queen's Road Central (over the New Premises of the Hongkong Dispensary), on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December 1890.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 9th Instant to THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN A. JUDD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 2, 1891.

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SHANGHAI RACES.

THE MANCHESTER MARITIME CO. AND THE PRENTISS & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. will issue RETURN TICKETS to SHANGHAI by their STEAMERS leaving on or about the 3rd, 14th and 23rd Instant, available for Return by either line and allowing of One Month's stay at Shanghai.

Fares:—First Saloon.....\$60.
Second.....\$40.

Hongkong, April 6, 1891.

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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$250,000.

London:—40, Threadneedle Street
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum;

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On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. BUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890.

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ROUVER, GUILLET & CO.,
COGNAC, France.

For Ten Years
THE LARGEST SHIPPERS

of BULK

BRANDY.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS DIRECT
OR TO

London Branch,
ROUVER, GUILLET & CO.,

59, Mark Lane, London, E.C.

14th August, 1890.

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Business Notices.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION! 9TH PRIZE MEETING.

SELLING FOR WORDS & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE

MARTINI-HENRI-MATCH RIFLES,

LOADING AND CLEANING SETS, FITTED CASES OF PAINTS and REQUIREMENTS, FRONT AND BACK SIGHT PROTECTORS, POCKET CLEANERS in CASES, VERNIERS, VENTOMETERS, BABEL BRUSHES, ORTHOPTICS, BARREL REFLECTORS, GUN OIL, CARTRIDGE BAGS, WIMBLEDON SCORING BOOKS, &c., &c.

WATERPROOF GROUND SHEETS, SHOOTING BOOTS

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 25, 1891.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

HIGH-CLASS JAPANESE CURIOS.

M. S. IKEDA, the well-known CURIO DEALER of KOBE, JAPAN, is paying Hongkong another visit with the Finest Collection of JAPANESE ART ever seen in this Colony.

Mr. IKEDA takes this opportunity of thanking his Patrons for their Support afforded him when last here, and trusts to receive the same during his short stay.

The EXHIBITION will be on VIEW on TUESDAY NEXT, March 31st, and a few FOLLOWING DAYS, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day,

at Mr. W. S. Marten's Office,

2, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, March 31, 1891.

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ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, GENERAL OUTFITTERS, &c.

(Opposite HONGKONG HOTEL)

WILKINSON'S
ESSENCE OR FLUID EXTRACT OF
RED JAMAICA SARSAPARILLA.

Is the only preparation recognized by the Faculty as a wonderful

PURIFIER OF THE HUMAN BLOOD.

Stimulates the action of the heart, removes all forms of debility, &c., &c.

Causes the heart to beat more rapidly, &c., &c.

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Notices to Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK & SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Northern, Capt. W. RICHARDSON, having arrived from the above Ports, Company's Agents, having delivered to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 4, 1891. 656

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUFF & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Vorleser's CELESTIAL BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, RUEBLER LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL PAPER.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, Ovriest & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest Lovvov PAPERS, at very moderate prices. 742

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000 RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000

Board of Directors.

HEN. J. J. KESWICK, CHAIRMAN, Managing Director.

HOW C. P. CHATER, Vice CHAIRMAN, LEE SING, Esq.

S. O. MICHAELSEN, Esq.

J. S. MOSES, Esq.

G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

POON PONG, Esq.

D. R. SASSON, Esq.

Bankers:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE,

ON LAND OR BUILDINGS;

PROPERTIES

PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estates managed, and all kinds of Agency and Commission Business relating to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the Company's OFFICES, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A SHERLTON HOOPEE,

Secretary.

Victor Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1891. 844

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 26, 1885. 1468

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

LAST TWO NIGHTS!!!

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M. R. G. C. M. MILN, MISS LOUISE JORDAN AND COMPANY.

TO-MORROW:

FRIDAY, 10th April.

GRAND MILITARY NIGHT.

Under the Patronage of LIEUT.-COLONEL VERNER CHATER, and the OFFICERS of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, upon which occasion will be performed Bell & Lyth's Choristers' Poetical Play.

THE LADY OF LYONS.

SATURDAY, 11th April.

GRAND NAVAL NIGHT.

Under the Patronage of ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK RICHARDS, K.C.B., and

LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON WHEN SHAKESPEARE'S GREAT TRAGEDY "MACBETH" will be performed.

NOTE.—Intending Patrons are advised to book their Seats in advance to avoid inconvenience.

POPULAR PRICES.—\$2 and \$1, Soldiers and Sailors Half Price to Pit.

Box Plan at Messrs KELLY & WATSON'S, Doors open 8.30, Commence 9 prompt; Hongkong, April 9, 1891. 723

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "Achilles," Captain O. ZINN, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst., at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, April 9, 1891. 713

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

For P. & O. S. N. Co.

Lombardy.

Captain O. ZINN, will

leave for the above place on SATURDAY,

the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, April 9, 1891. 729

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

FOR THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

The Co.'s Steamship

Chi-pao

C. de la Perle, Com-

mander, will be despatched

as above on or about the 17th Instant.

For Freight, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBYR & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, April 9, 1891. 730

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES

CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.

THE General Annual MEETING will

take place at HONGKONG on THURSDAY,

MAY 30th April, 1891, at the REGISTERED

OFFICE of the Company in Victoria Build-

ing at Noon.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—

Report presented by the Board of Direc-

tors.

Report of the Auditor.

Approval of Accounts.

Election of Directors.

Election of Auditor.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Owners of at least

Twenty Shares,

in order to have the right

to attend the above Meeting, will have to

deposit them at the Company's office not

later than Fifteen Days before the Meeting

and will receive in exchange a Card of

Admission.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. B. JOYCE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 9, 1891. 727

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

FIRST CLASS HOUSEHOLD FURNI-

TURE, BRONZES, VALUABLE

PAINTINGS, ORNAMENTS, ETC.

A Rare Opportunity to Parties

Furnishing.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 16th April, 1891, commencing at 2.30

p.m. sharp, at the Auctioneers of R. &

GEORGE, Esq., Woodlands V. H. S., Seymour

Place, Chancery Road, —

THE WHOLE OF HIS

ELEGANT AND BEST MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:—

HALL FURNITURE, BRONZES, ETC., ETC.

ONE VERY HAD SMOOTH DRAPED

BED AND SILK EMBROIDERED TAPESTRY, OVER-

NANTLES, ENGLISH WALNUT INLAID

BEDROOM GLASS, VERY HAND-MADE MANTLE

CLOCK (ALIVE & GILT) & PRESENTING

LUDGATE, FINE MARBLE CLOUSES, VIENNA

FANCY MIRRORS, PARISIAN FURNITURE, CAN-

TON, BIRKIN, CUNIO STAND AND MARBLE

TOP TABLES, SOLID BRASS FURNITURE AND

FIRE BRASS, FINE ENGLISH WAD

COPPER, (ROSEWOOD INLAID.)

FINE IVORY CARVINGS, BRONZE

GROUPS, JAPANESE AND VIENNA, HAND

PAINTED PORCELAIN, PLAQUES, CLOISONNE

LACQUER, MIRRORS AND OTHER ORNAMENTS,

VERY FINE OIL PAINTINGS

BY WELL KNOWN ARTISTS, WHITE AND

CELESTE LINEN, COTTON, ORANGE,

COTTON, COTTON CLOTHES, COTTON LINEN,

COTTON LINEN, COTTON LINEN,

COT

The following items are from the London and Canadian Express of March 7, 1891:

Another letter from Paris says that the Chinese are being abandoned in a new place, and is now acceptable to bankers. The Chinese regard the loss being in gold and not in silver. The funds are stated to be £10,000,000 at 4% per cent., repayable at 105 per cent. The issue will be made of ten millions of taels each in 1891, 1892, and 1893. According to our own information there is little likelihood of a Chinese loan just at present.

Another old China hand of the '40's has passed away in the person of Mr Adam Scott, who died in the 2nd inst. after a short illness. He was a Consul-General in China, and went to China in 1841, to the home of Gurnell and Co., Canton. Later, in conjunction with his brother, he carried on extensive operations along the "West Coast." During the tribal wars between the Hakka and Pintu he rendered effective assistance to the former when they migrated. He returned to England after a long residence, and from his extensive knowledge of Chinese affairs was a recognized authority. During his leisure he studied painting and acquired some distinction as a delineator of Chinese subjects. His charitable and kindly disposition will be missed by many friends and acquaintances.

We hear that Mr Henry D. Blair, New Hampshire, has been appointed an United States Minister to China. It is understood that on the nomination being made, the Chinese Minister cabled 1,600 words to Peking, giving the record of Senator Blair's services. At 2.30 a.m. on the 18th he took our departure. At 7.10 p.m., with a full cargo of general merchandise consigned to the steamer. The Chinese Government has cabled Blair, requesting the Minister to inform the United States Government that Mr Blair would not be acceptable at the Court of Peking. Mr Blair has frequently publicly expressed a dislike for the Chinese so extreme as to unfit him for a diplomatic trust. A correspondent writes of him: "He is a visionary, and his mental characteristics constitute him a natural laughing-stock. For example, he once seriously advocated a grant to ameliorate the climate of North America by an engineering project to change the course of the Gulf Stream in Hudson's Bay, and make it pass through the Arctic." If China should refuse to receive him, everybody except Mr Blair's own personal circle will be aquitted.

The following telegram from the Standard's correspondent at Constantinople deserves notice, in view of the proposed amalgamation of the Consular and Judicial Service in China. If the amalgamation does not work well under more favourable circumstances, as in Turkey, the Foreign Office may well pause before effecting the proposed change in China:—The barristers practising at the British Consular Court here have drawn up a memorandum setting forth the inconveniences arising from the present system of vesting judicial and consular duties in one person. The memorandum in question has been handed to Sir Law, the commercial Attaché to Her Majesty's Embassy (who is now engaged in negotiating the Consulate General and inquiring into its working), with the request that he will lay it before the Queen's Government.

MR MILLS'S DRAMATIC COMPANY. Mr Mills's company appeared at the Theatre Royal last night in "Othello." The performance was one in regard to which almost every one of praise requires the countering ounce of blame. The high standard of excellence attained by Mr Mills and his company in some of their Shakespearean representations has led Hongkong playgoers to expect, perhaps not always quite reasonably, something like an artistic triumph in every piece attempted. Last night's presentation of "Othello" of course had its merits—merits of a high order, too—but it had also its failings, and these of a kind which the audience were evidently not disposed to overlook, for there was none of the temporary calling before the curtain on this occasion. Mr Mills's scenes are, somewhat unfortunately for the part of "Othello," for the ideal Moor is a man like Salvin. There was a small drawback and would easily have been forgotten if the acting was sufficient to aise and retain the attention of the audience. Mr Mills made an excellent beginning with the speech to the Senate, which was delivered with a manly dignity and an eloquentian power that won the warmest approbation. So long as he retained the same command over himself as he showed in this scene Mr. Mills was natural and impressive, but when he had to depict the power of the demon of jealousy in transmuting the character of the Moor he was compelled almost entirely to the winds and allowed the "green-eyed monster" to carry him too frequently into a state of frenzy. In the scenes, however, when jealousy dice with the malediction, he improved easily and his acting was powerful and effective without overstepping the bounds of legitimate art. Miss Joss's "Desdemona" was also a somewhat uneven performance. In the earlier scenes she lacked naturalness but in the last scene—in spite of the fact that she had her couch under the gothic arch of a crypt and had retired to rest with her boots on—she made ample amends and was the very picture of injured innocence and ill-received love. Miss Kate Douglas deserves high praise for the excellent judgment and the high degree of dramatic power she displayed as Omera. She was evidently a favourite with the audience, as she certainly deserved to be. Mr. Mills's "Iago" was—in many respects—an admirable performance. He has a certain stiffness and a want of ardour of movement and an absence of energy inconsistent with the part were his most conspicuous faults. Mr. Montgomery as Claudio made a decided hit. His acting all through was spirited and natural and in the drinking scene he showed powers of a very high order. Mr. Atholwood as Brabantio left nothing to be desired. Mr. Joe Stark seemed somewhat out of his element as Roderigo, but he gave a fairly good account of the part. The "Lady of Lyons" will be performed to-morrow evening.

PIRACY IN CHINESE WATERS. Mr. Marjoribanks asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he had any information with regard to an attack made by pirates who were on board the ship as passengers, on Dec. 1, 1890, on a steamer, voyaging from Hongkong to Sowato, in which a passenger, named Paul, and the captain (Captain Pooock) were killed, and property to the value of £5,000, was taken by the pirates, who escaped from the ship to the coast, what steps had been taken to bring the perpetrators of the outrage to punishment.

Mr. J. Ferguson: Since answering the question put by the hon. member for East Grinstead on Feb. 2 the Admiral on the station has reported that he had sent two ships of war to visit certain places to the north and south of Hongkong, where it was thought some information might be obtained, but they totally failed to learn anything of value, and up to Jan. 8 the pirates were

still at large. Instructions are being sent to the Governor of Hongkong to make him understand that he is to be held responsible for the new place, and is now acceptable to bankers. The Chinese regard the loss being in gold and not in silver.

THE WRECK OF THE "NANZING."

A Marine Court of Inquiry was held at the Harbour Office to-day to inquire into the circumstances connected with the wreck of the "Nanzing" which occurred at Yeooh, Middle Loo Island, on the 20th ult. The Court was constituted as follows:—Comr. Hastings, R.N., President; Lieut. H. M. Heathcote, H.M.S. "Mercury"; Capt. A. H. Walker, s. b. "Bride"; Capt. J. Fowler, s. a. "Pha-Ukun" Klaw; Capt. F. Cole, s. a. "Lombardy."

Joseph Hogg, master of the "Nanzing" said:—The "Nanzing" was a vessel of 807 tons registered as a schooner-rigged, two-masted vessel. She was owned by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. We left Manila on 17th March at 7.10 p.m., with a full cargo of general merchandise consigned to the steamer. At 2.30 a.m. on the 18th we took our departure from Caton's light. The course was set N. W. by N. 45°. Caton's light was six miles off. We went on our course till noon on the 19th. We had light airs and fine weather with heavy northward swell. We kept on the same course till noon next day. At 1 p.m. I altered the course to N. 45° W. I calculated that course would take me 4 miles N. E. of Tamak island. I expected that at 4 o'clock in the morning of the 20th I should be about 29 miles from Tamak island. At noon we were a 138 miles from Tamak and steaming 10 knots barely. I did not expect to see any land before daylight on the 20th. We had no allowance for ast in laying my course and I should probably find myself further up the coast. The night was fine, and we could see about four miles during the greater part of the night. I had a few hours sleep on the morning of the 20th. I had land bearing N. W. by N. E. ahead. The helm was ported and the engine slowed. We went on at full speed steering E. The land was about a mile and a half off. We kept on that course for ten minutes. Then we saw bearing about N. E. what we took to be the extreme E. end of Tamak island. I altered the course to E. N. E. and went on at half speed for about eight minutes. Then we saw the land loom up suddenly ahead and about a point on the starboard bow. The helm went full speed astern, the helm having been put hard a-port. In about two minutes after we began to go astern the ship struck the rocks. She took the ground forward. She went on very easily, but I thought if she came off she might go down so I kept the engines going ahead slowly. I had a good many people on board and I wanted to get them off, but the boat had got stuck. I then went to the stern and got them off, but it was five feet of water in the hold, and the engines slowed. The land was about a mile off then, as the ship might sink. I landed the people I had on board and sent the second officer to Hongkong for assistance. No lives were lost. I found that the ship was ashore on Yeooh island, about 12 miles off, where I supposed the ship would pass. On the night of the 20th about 10 o'clock the "Pilot Fish" came out from Hongkong. We had some round the ship and found five fathoms under the stern, 17 fathoms about 180 yards astern and 19 fathoms about 200 yards astern. We had 12 feet abreast the bridge. 3 fathoms just before the waist and 10½ feet under the stern. The ship's draught was 14.7 forward and 15.1 aft. At 10 a.m. we took to get the ship off on the morning of the 21st. Cargo was off and the ship was off the rocks. The engines were taken to get the ship off. At 4.40 o'clock the land right ahead suddenly from N. W. by N. E. We were then steering E. N. E. and going from 10 to 10½ knots. There was a man on the lookout at the forecastle head, but he never reported seeing the land. When I saw the land I slowed the engines and sent a quarter master to call the Captain. The Captain came on the bridge and altered the course to the eastward, and we went on after that half speed for about 8 or 10 minutes. When we observed the extreme end of the land bearing N.E. by compass, I took it to be the end of Tamak island. We had the ship to the E. N. E. and kept on half speed. The land I took to be the extreme of Tamak I saw passing about the port beam, and the horizon on the starboard side seemed to be clear, no sign of land being seen. We kept on this course for about one mile when we saw a boat coming from the right astern about a point on the starboard bow, three or four hundred yards off. The engines were stopped at once and then we full speed astern and the helm put hard a-port. She had been going astern about two or three minutes when she struck forward. The helm was then stopped and the boats cleared away. When the "forrord" was sounded there was about five feet of water in it. About ten or fifteen minutes after she struck there were 12 feet of water in the forecastle. When the Captain found the water rising so rapidly he kept the engines going astern to keep the ship in her place. There was no loss of life. One girl man died on the rocks, but he would have very likely died anywhere. When the ship had struck the ground the men went to their stations quietly.

William Kent, second officer, said:—I was officer of the middle watch on the morning of 20th March. During the watch, our course was N. 45° W. I was ordered to call the captain at 4 o'clock. I did so. It was then slightly hazy with a light breeze. I could see about 3 miles. I saw no land during my watch.

By Captain Hogg:—I was surprised to receive orders to call the captain at four o'clock, as I thought we should then be about thirty miles from the land. When I called him he asked what the weather was like, and said it was a little hazy but that I could see a junkt at least three miles.

The following is the finding:

"We find that the "Nanzing" was a British vessel, schooner-rigged, of 807 tons registered to

tonnage, official No. 00462, belonging to the port of Shanghai. It appears from the evidence given before the Court that she sailed from Manila on the 17th March last, bound for Liungkong, with a general cargo and 150 persons on board, all told. To noon on the 19th the "Nanzing" had experienced an easterly set of 32 miles.

"On the morning of the 20th the land was seen ahead, which being recognized, as was supposed, to be Tamak Island, showed a westerly set must have been experienced. The ship struck about 5 a.m. and was found to be embedded on the south side of Yeooh island, and subsequently became total.

"The Court finds that the master, Joseph Hogg, appears to have navigated his vessel in a systematic and proper manner, but when the land was observed on the morning of the 20th inst., showing thereby that the vessel was not in the position assigned her by the log, he committed an error of judgment in not standing off the land at once, and in again approaching it before daylight enabled him to verify his position. It being his 13th or 14th voyage to and from the "Rodney" I believe that the error appears to have been made from over-confidence, he believing that the land seen was the east coast of Tamak, the point steered for.

"The Court is of opinion that when the master had observed the measures adopted by the steamer to have been a small mistake, and the difficulty observed in getting out, the boats and landing the passengers was worthy of praise.

"The certificates of the master and officers are therefore returned to them."

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, April 9.

IN RE LU KWONG NANG, BANKRUPT.

The bankrupt presented a petition for discharge, stating that he had no funds to support some others.

Mr. Gidge, who appeared for the execution creditor, objected, alleging that the bankrupt had lied about a partnership and that money had been collected by a trustee who had absconded. He believed the bankrupt had rich relatives who had shown some willingness to pay.

His Lordship:—The bankrupt has declared that he has no money. He has been about two months in gaol. The bankrupt's ordinance is not intended to be used as an engine for trying to extort money from relatives.

Mr. Gidge said money had been collected on behalf of a firm in which the bankrupt was a partner. The money had disappeared, and he wished to consult with his client before acquiring in the bankrupt's discharge from prison. He had only had a day's notice of the case coming on.

His Lordship agreed to an adjournment for a week.

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Mr. Parkes appeared to support an application that the bankrupt should be discharged from gaol.

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One of them stated that the bankrupt had some £500 shortly before he became bankrupt.

The case was adjourned for a fortnight on account of the absence of the creditor.

THE COALING-STATIONS.

NAVAL OR MILITARY CONTROL—A BIT OF CHINESE HISTORY.

In the House of Commons on the 2nd March Sir J. Pope Hennessy rose to move:

"That the ports and coaling stations held for naval purposes should be under naval, and not military control." In his opinion, the proposed contained in his resolution, if carried into effect, would tend to secure uniformity of action and to more clearly define responsibility, and would therefore, conduce to the more rapid utilisation of all naval resources.

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THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

The annual report states that the most important topic that has occupied the attention of the Committee during the past year has been the projected Telegraph Company with China and Treaty Revision in Japan.

The Telegraph Corporation, early in April, a letter was received from the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, inviting the Association to take action in support of the protest it had addressed to the Foreign Minister at Peking, against the ratification of a proposed Convention between the Chinese Government and the Great Northern and Eastern Telegraph Companies.

It seemed to the Committee that the protest could not be sustained.

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E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 4, 1891.

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NOTICE.

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ON WEDNESDAY, the 22nd April, 1891, at Noon, the Company's S.S. MELBOURNE, Capt. J. V. VINTON, with MAILS, PASSAGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Maesseilles, and accepted in transit through Maesseilles to the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st April, 1891. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

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G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 5, 1891.

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This discount does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

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Consular Invites to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 2, 1891.

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